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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 24
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 2S-25-13

Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 24 opens set and drift gillnetting in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area (KRSHA) from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2013.

During the fishing period in the KRSHA (Figure 1), the navigation channel is closed to all commercial fishing with set gillnet gear including nets and anchor lines. The outside terminal area boundaries are 600 feet south of the normal commercial regulatory marker located one mile north of the Kasilof River to 600 feet north of the normal commercial regulatory marker located one mile south of the Kasilof River. The first 600 feet from the mean high tide mark is open to set gillnets only and the area outside of 600 feet is open to drift gillnets only. No drift gillnet may be operated closer than 600 feet of any of the set gillnet buoys or set gillnets in the normally open set gillnet area. The riverside closed area is a straight line drawn between the two commercial markers located in the river terminus. The offshore limit of this area is bounded by the following four points (Figure 1): 1) 60° 22.590' N. lat, 151° 20.793' W. long; 2) 60° 23.832' N. lat, 151° 21.703' W. long; 3) 60° 24.130' N. lat, 151° 21.335' W. long; 4) 60° 24.130' N. lat, 151° 17.720' W. long. Specifics of this plan are on pages 109-110 of the current regulation book.

Any fish caught during the terminal area fishery should be delivered on a separate fish ticket using statistical area 244-25 for set gillnet and 244-26 for drift gillnet.

The optimal escapement goal (OEG) for Kasilof River sockeye salmon is 160,000–390,000 fish. More than 434,000 sockeye salmon are estimated to have passed the Kasilof sonar through 12:00 noon on July 24. Commercial fishing is occurring in the Kasilof River Special Harvest area in order to slow the passage of sockeye salmon to the Kasilof River.

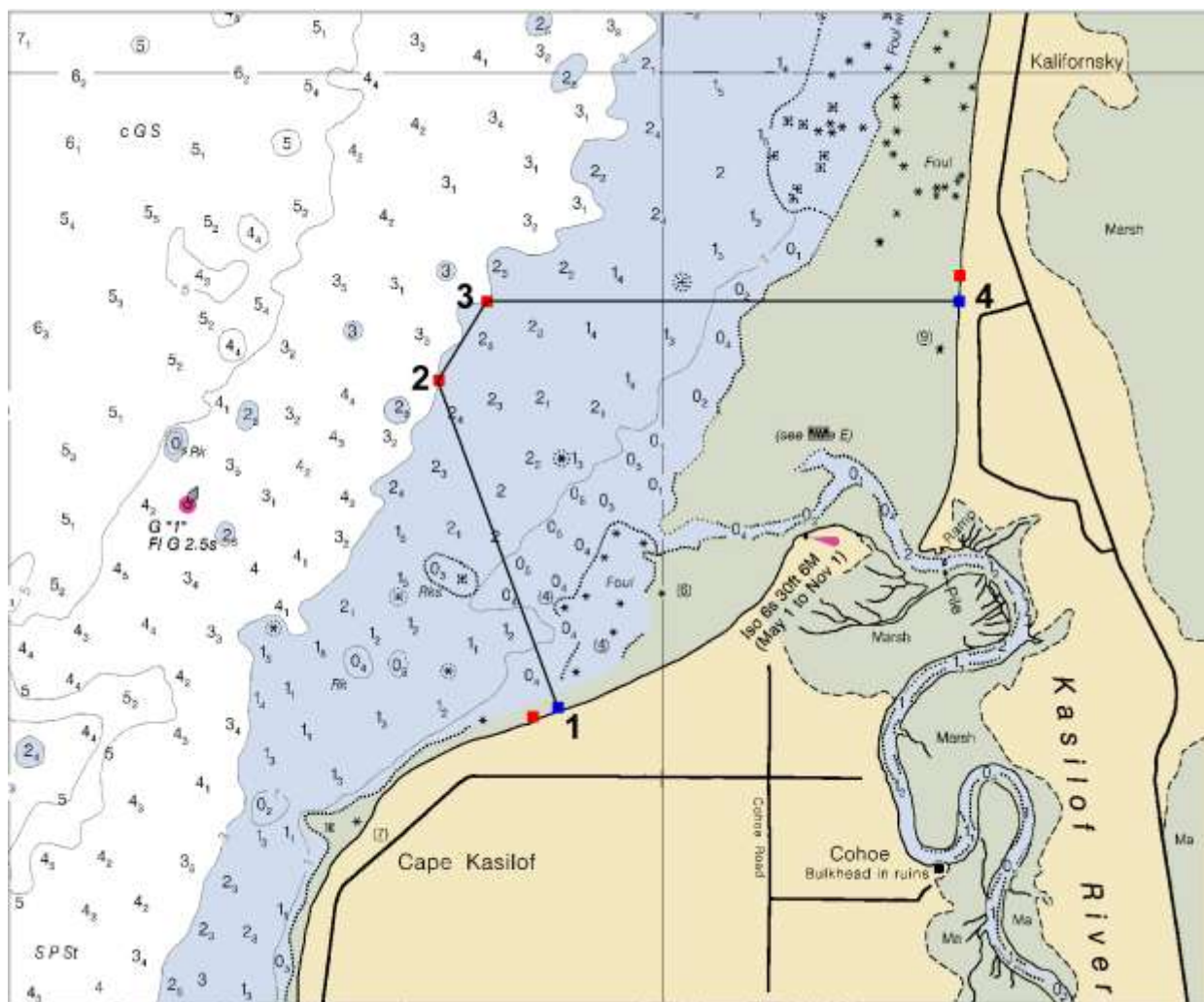


Figure 1. Map of the Kasilof River Terminal Harvest Area with waypoint boundaries.

Waypoint 1: 60° 22.590' N. lat 151° 20.793' W. long

Waypoint 2: 60° 23.832' N. lat 151° 21.703' W. long

Waypoint 3: 60° 24.130' N. lat 151° 21.335' W. long

Waypoint 4: 60° 24.130' N. lat 151° 17.720' W. long